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In Re U.S. Patent Application

Applicant: Shinohara et al.

Serial No. 09/275,578

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RECORDING DISK DEVICE

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a communication regarding the above-identified application.

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Total Claims	12	20	0	x \$18.00	= \$
Independent Claims	2	3	0	x \$80.00	= \$
Fee for Multiple Dependent Claims				\$270.00	= \$
Total Additional Fee					\$
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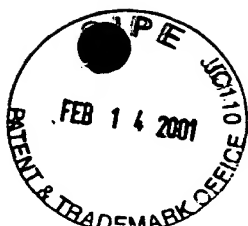
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AMENDMENT A

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 3, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Page 3, line 18 delete "an about" and insert --about a-- therefor;

line 34, delete "a" (second occurrence);

line 35, before "NiP" insert --a--.

Page 4, line 2 delete "a";

line 7, before "IR" insert --an--;

line 9 delete "be";

line 10, before "prevented" insert --be--;

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